(a) the financial allocation made to Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) what financial assistance was sought by the Board during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) No, Sir. The Planning Commission do not make Financial Allocation to Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board.

(b) No request from Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board for Financial Assistance during the last three years has been received in the Planning Commission.

Mismanagement in conducting of examination for section officers/assistants in CSIR

1012. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Federation of CSIR Employees and Workers' Unions' Associations, Chandigarh has submitted a representation on the 14th March, 1988 to the CSIR, New Delhi regarding alleged gross mismanagement in conducting of competitive examination for the posts of Section Officers/Assistants; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that CSIR has spent Rs. 1.25 crores in conducting the abovesaid examination;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Admit Cards to the candidates for the aforesaid examination were sent in advance as per the Advertisement given in the newspaper for the said examination;

(d) whether the inspecting officers/other officers attached to the examination work or appointed to conduct the said examination were in any way related to the candidates: and

(e) whether proper material for examination were distributed to the candidates in Delhi/Lucknow/Calcutta and Dhanbad Centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir. However, no specific irregularities were pointed out in the representation.

(b) No, Sir. The total expenditure on the examination will be around Rs. 45 lakhs only. As an amount of about Rs. 16 lakhs was collected as fee from candidates, the net expenditure will not be more than Rs. 30 lakhs approximately.

(c) There was some delay at the computer agency to whom the project was assigned to prepare admit cards. Their computer was closed down for a few days due to non-supply of electricity caused by a major fire in the neighbourhood. However, all the admit cards were issued to non-Delhi candidates before 15.8.87. Admit cards to Delhi candidates were despatched by 19.8.1987. In view of this, advertisements were inserted in all the leading newspapers published on 15.8.1987 from all over the country to inform those who may not have received admit cards due to postal delay etc. to contact an identified person at each Centre of examination. For candidates at Delhi Centre, an additional advertisement was published on 21.8.1987 in all leading newspapers of Delhi. In this addi-

tional advertisement, Centre-wise distribution of candidates was also indicated and information was provided for the benefit of all the candidates of Delhi about what they have to do in case he/she had not received admit card in order to appear at the examination.

(d) 'No relation Certificates' were obtained from the supervisors, Assistant Supervisors & Invigilators detailed for examination duty, certifying that none of their relation/dependent was taking the examination at the centre/sub-centre at which he/she was detailed for duty. Similar certificates were obtained from all officers and members of staff working in the Examination Unit. However, such certificates were not obtained from Inspecting Officers as their job was to carry sealed material only.

(e) Adequate material was provided to candidates at all the centres. One question paper in Section Officer's examination contained two parts viz. Part I and II, which were required to be answered in two separate answer books. At some centres, the candidates did answer the two parts in two separate answer books, but at a few centres, the candidates answered both the parts in one answer book. There was no dearth of answer books at any centre. However, answering both the parts in one answer book has not affected the evaluation in any way.

In another paper for Section Officer's examination (nothing, Drafting & Precis) a separate Precis sheet was supplied at all the centres for writing precis. However, at one subcentre at Delhi due to some misunderstanding, separate precis sheet was not supplied to the candidates and they were asked to write the precis on the main answer book. Consequently instructions were issued to the evaluators to ensure that the evaluation is not affected in any way on that account.

'Save CSIR document issued by the CSIR Scientific Workers Association

1013. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a printed document titled 'Save CSIR' issued by the CSIR Scientific Workers' Association; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) A 12 page printed appeal entitled 'Save CSIR' has been issued by CSIR Scientific Workers' Association (SWA). The document criticises the structure, objectives, working, management, R & D planning, monitoring and evaluation processes of CSIR and its National Laboratories/Institutes. The career development and promotion schemes have also been criticised. The document suggests certain steps in regard to objectives of CSIR, R&D planning, accountability system, human resource management, abolition of annual confidential report and representation of Scientific Workers' Association in the decision making bodies of CSIR and its National Laboratories/Institutes. Abid Hussain Committee which was appointed to look into the functioning of CSIR and suggest ways and means to improve its working has since submitted its report. The various suggestions contained in that report relate to the above issues raised by the Scientific Workers' Association. CSIR Society with Prime Minister as its President has already decided on the recommendations of the Committee. Several of the sug-